

Planning Series

Potholes Provincial Nature Reserve

Interim Management Statement



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of Potholes Provincial Nature Reserve until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for Potholes Provincial Nature Reserve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. A. Klugman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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POTHOLES PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

I LAND TENURE

The park area ~~was~~ put into regulation as a Provincial Nature Reserve in January, 1985 (Figure 1).

II EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

- 350 meters walking trail with interpretive signage.
- gravel access road (250 meters) and 10 vehicle parking lot.
- 2 vault privies adjacent to parking lot.
- signs on Highway 101.

Guidelines:

Ongoing maintenance

- operating season - 6 months - May 1st to October 31st.
- install highway and trail signs at start of operating season and remove at end of operating season.
- site visited twice weekly to collect garbage, clean privies, and check condition of trail and pothole site.

III RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Recreation uses prior to provincial park regulation included wildlife viewing, sportfishing, sport hunting, and berry picking. Uses were very light.

The Wawa District Land Use Guidelines state that as a Provincial Nature Reserve, sport hunting will not continue. However, sportfishing is an acceptable activity.

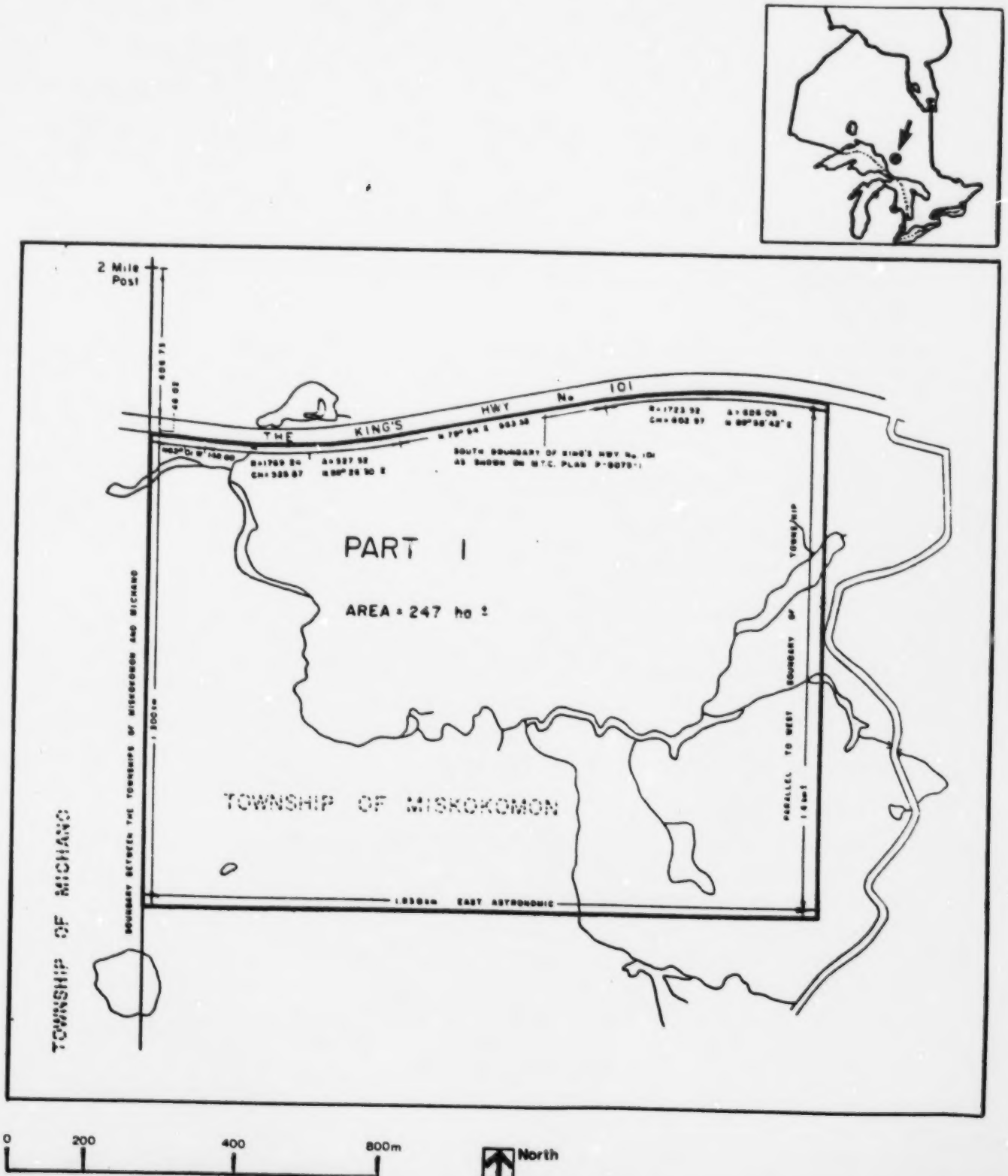
Guidelines:

Sportfishing will be allowed to continue.

Sport hunting is prohibited now that the park area is in regulation. The area will be managed for day use only. No day use fee will be charged. Visitation will be monitored through a traffic counter and trail register.

Figure 1

POTHOLES
PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE



IV COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The park area is part of trapline WA80.

The Wawa District Land Use Guidelines and the Ontario Provincial Park Planning and Management Policies for Nature Reserves state that trapping will not continue.

The area has been excluded from allocations in the Austin Crown Management Unit. The gravel pit was used only by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Guidelines:

Trapping in this portion of trapline #80 will be phased out in a manner that reduces the impact on the trapper in reaching his quotas.

No other commercial activities are anticipated.

V NATURAL RESOURCES

Resource management plans have not been prepared for the park.

Guidelines:

Mineral Resource Management

Geological research may be authorized by the District Manager provided that it enhances the knowledge or the understanding of the geological and geomorphological features and that it does not interfere with the natural setting of the site.

VI VISITOR SERVICES

The park has been developed for self-use interpretation (details in Section II). All development is appropriate for a Nature Reserve Park. Monitoring of the park visitor's experience will determine if additional services are required.

VII RESEARCH

Preliminary Life Science and Earth Science inventories have been completed at the park area.

Guidelines:

Additional research that adds to the knowledge of the park values and use will be encouraged as long as it is not

detrimental to the site. Prior approval of the District Manager will be required by following the procedures for research in provincial parks.

VIII ~~MARKETING~~

The park will be of interest to scientific and educational groups as well as to the general public as an attraction and day use area on highway 101 between Wawa and Chapleau.

Guidelines:

A marketing strategy needs to be prepared so that the park resources are made known to scientific and educational interests. The strategy would also explain how the park would be marketed to local residents and tourists to the Wawa-Chapleau area. The strategy would also ensure that visitor use would be complementary to the protection of the earth science features.

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